

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 30-47, 61, and 62 are currently pending. Claims 30, 40, 42, 44, 46, 47, 61, and 62 are currently amended herein. Claims 1-29 and 48-60 are canceled. Amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification, therefore no new matter is added by these Amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the Amendment submitted herein. The arguments addressing the rejection issued in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003 are presented in the Amendment and Response filed December 9, 2003, and are referenced here, but not repeated, for brevity.

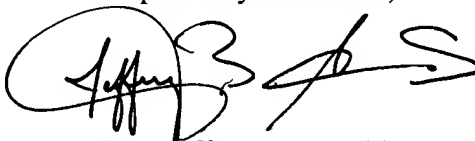
CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003. For at least the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 30-47, 61, and 62 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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